

## BY FALL OR ASSAULT?

**Mrs. Nellie Hanley Says She Was Attacked by Two Strange Men.**

**Wound in Her Head Made by a Club, Says Dr. Ross.**

**Police Say She Fell and Made No Search for Her Assailants.**

Mrs. Nellie Hanley, a widow, forty-five years old, who says she lives at 255 West Fifty-ninth street, is confined in the alcoholic ward of Bellevue Hospital to-day, and in addition to her illness from overindulgence in intoxicants, the woman is suffering with a deep scalp wound on the back of her head.

This is the result of a blow from a club in the hands of two men who assaulted Mrs. Hanley in the yard of 61 Chrystie street last night. She says she had a few drinks in Barney O'Rourke's place last night and went into the hallway of 61 Chrystie street to "rest her feet," as she puts it.

It was then, she says, that two strange men attempted to assault her, and in her efforts to fight them off she was hit on the head with some blunt instrument. David Barrett, who runs a small candy store at 61 Chrystie street and lives in the rear, was aroused by the woman's screams, and he shouted for the police. Mrs. Hanley's assailants, accompanied away before Policemen Hogan, of the Eldridge street station, responded.

He found Mrs. Hanley behind a rear door in the hallway of 61 Chrystie street, and her head rested on a pile of newspapers, which were saturated with blood.

An ambulance came and sent in, and Mrs. Hanley was removed to Gouverneur Hospital and thence to Bellevue, where she was pronounced to be suffering from alcoholism and assigned to the alcoholic ward for women.

The sergeant in charge of the Eldridge street station said that the records of the blotter showed that the woman fell downstairs and sustained a scalp wound.

On the other hand, Mrs. Hanley says she was assaulted, and the wound is described in Dr. Ross's report at Bellevue Hospital as having been "caused by a club." The Eldridge street police are strangely apathetic regarding the affair. There seems to be every evidence of an assault, and yet no effort is being made to ferret the assailants out.

**Recovered Speech Through Shock.**

(By Associated Press.)  
BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—A remarkable case of recovery of speech from a shock occurred here last night. George S. Roberts, bookkeeper for C. C. Buckman & Co., and an ex-captain of the 1st Maryland Cavalry, died suddenly at his residence, 209 North Gilman street. His wife, who was with him when he expired, and who has been a devoted nurse, has spoken for nine years, gave a loud shriek and recovered her voice.

**Two Mounsliners Captured.**

(By Associated Press.)  
WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 23.—A successful raid was made upon an illicit distillery located on top of Cheat Mountain Wednesday night by United States Deputy Marshals. The distillery was running full blast with a full stock of mash on hand. Samuel Canfield and Isaac Humphreys, the owners, were arrested after a short fight. Canfield has already served a term in the penitentiary for moonshining.

**John Hill's Office Robbed.**

John Hill, a lawyer, of 69 Court street, Brooklyn, notified the police this morning that thieves had broken a pane of glass in his office door and stolen \$50 worth of books and clothing.

## NO "HIP-POCKET" BLUFFS.

**If Whedon Makes Them Dixon Says He Will Shoot.**

**Mrs. Bentley's Young Friend to Be Tried March 2.**

George P. Whedon, who was arrested last night on a charge of drawing a revolver on Young Peter Bentley, was arraigned before Justice Martinez, in Jersey City, this morning, and gave bail to appear for trial March 2.

Bentley's Whedon, his friend, Dr. H. H. Brinkerhoff, and his lawyer, J. H. Kelly, Jr., were in the courtroom. Lawyer Warren Dixon, the husband of Eleanor Bentley, one of the contestants, and a party of his friends. As soon as Whedon saw Dixon in the court, he began abusing him. He called Dixon a disturber, and told him he was the cause of all the trouble in the Bentley family, and was the one who is trying to upset the will of Peter Bentley.

Dixon replied that Whedon was trying to marry Mrs. Bentley for the purpose of getting possession of the estate. Constantine O'Brien told Dixon that Whedon had applied for a permit to carry a revolver, and that if Dixon interfered Whedon might kill him.

Dixon referred to Whedon that if he made any hip-pocket bluffs at him he would not hesitate to kill him before he had a chance of drawing his revolver. The quarrel became hotter, and Lawyer Kelly, seeing the men might come to blows, hurried Whedon out of the courtroom.

Whedon is about twenty-two years old, and is reported to be the fiancé of Mrs. Bentley, who is forty-five years old.

**FOUR MORE WITH SMALL-POX.**

**The Man Supposed to Have Small-Pox Turns Up All Right.**

Four new cases of small-pox were reported this morning at the Bureau of Contagious Diseases. The sufferers are Stephen Pararo, twenty-four years, of 22 Mont street; Frank Maxner, sixty-two years, 333 West Forty-third street; Mrs. Starr, thirty years, 90 Catherine street; and Frank Franklin, twenty-four years, 223 East One Hundred and Fifteenth street.

Dr. Doty's inspectors are keeping a close watch over the tenement at 223 West Sixty-ninth street, where the four cases of small-pox were discovered Wednesday night.

Joseph Lavitzka, who was reported ill with small-pox, is at work on Fifth avenue. The health officers say that they found that he is not afflicted with small-pox.

Up to 10 o'clock this morning the body of sixteen-month-old Marie Lattola, who died last Sunday with small-pox in the tenement 241 Elizabeth street, remained in the morgue at Genoa. Several sailors and no certificate of death had been issued, though the police notified the coroner's office yesterday afternoon.

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## LISTEN TO THE BRITISH LION.

**Roaring Because Admiral Benham Aided an English Ship.**

**American Commander Accused of Insulting the Queen's Navy.**

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Feb. 23.—The story related to the press here that the commander of the British squadron at Rio Janeiro had refused to protect British merchant vessels in obtaining water, and that Admiral Benham then gave his aid, has aroused considerable feeling on the subject.

The Daily Telegraph urges the public to be cautious in accepting the story and adds: "Admiral Benham has decided to support the right of American vessels to enter the port in spite of the blockade, and is determined to meet force with force if needful. This is all very well from a broad-spectrum standpoint, but a blockade is a blockade and imposes hazardous difficulties. Nevertheless, we commend Admiral Benham for his obvious desire to limit the sufferings of trade."

The Globe remarks: "If the news is true, it is the duty of England to demand an immediate apology for Admiral Benham's extraordinary conduct. His action in giving protection to the Nassau is unwarranted interference. Admiral Benham, no doubt, is at perfect liberty to buy the Brazilians as he pleases, or as his superiors permit. But when it comes to offering an injurious insult to the British Navy, it is quite a different matter. His whole action in regard to the blockade would be described as 'blister' in this country."

The St. James Gazette says that it is intensely irritating to be informed that a British ship had to seek the protection of Americans, adding: "Surely Lord Rosebery does not acquiesce in the so-called 'Monroe Doctrine' that the sole right to interfere belongs to the United States. We hope that the action will not be allowed to pass without protest."

**SMITH MAY DIE.**

**Gallagher, His Alleged Assassin, Held to Await Results.**

Christopher Smith, the driver in the employ of Rockwell's Live Stock Beef Company, who was assaulted by his wife's cousin, Patrick Gallagher, in the stable 665 West Fifty-ninth street, Wednesday night, is still lying in a critical condition at the Roosevelt Hospital. He has a fracture of the skull, which, it is said, he received by being knocked against a horse trough by Gallagher.

Smith is thirty-three years old and lives at Eleventh avenue. Gallagher, who is related to him by marriage, is a foreman. He was arrested yesterday by Detectives Warner and Walters, of the West Sixty-eighth street station, at his home, 227 West Sixty-fourth street.

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## DR. NETTE WILL NOT RELENT.

**His Claim for Only \$1,800 Is Keeping Field in Jail.**

**Lawyer Kellogg Will Fight Another Order for Release.**

Edward M. Field, the defaulter and son of Cyrus W. Field, for whose release from Ludlow Street Jail an order was signed by Justice Smith in Brooklyn last Tuesday, is still behind iron bars, and unless a determined debtor is pacified he may not realize for a long time yet his hopes for freedom.

Although Field's firm failed for over \$2,000,000, the claim that is keeping him in jail is only \$1,800. This is held by Charles Nette, a dentist at 207 East Thirty-fourth street. Shortly before the crash that started Wall Street Nette sent Field a check for \$1,800, to be invested in bonds. The check was cashed, but the bonds were never bought.

After Field was released from the asylum, Nette's attorney, I. Laflin Kellogg, of the Equitable Building, took steps to have Field held in jail, pending a satisfaction of the claim.

In securing the order of release from Justice Smith, however, Lawyer Kellogg forgot the Nette claim, and got the order of releasing a set of portiers. The affidavit was made by Mrs. Tennien, of 129 West One Hundred and Eighty-third street, who purchased the curtains from Mrs. Vandenburg, and claimed they were not Mrs. Vandenburg's property.

"You will have to produce a complaint by the person from whom the property was stolen," said the Court. "I can't hold the woman on such a charge as this."

Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Tennien and Attorney Kellogg left the courtroom, closely followed by Mrs. Vandenburg and Attorney Brennan.

In the lobby leading to the court entrance the two parties met. Attorney Brennan was excited. He approached Mrs. Kellogg and declared his intention of instructing his client, Mrs. Vandenburg, to take possession of the house at 129 West One Hundred and Eighty-third street. Mr. Kellogg replied that he didn't think Mrs. Vandenburg would get into the house.

"I'll have her break down every door and smash every window on the premises to get in," exclaimed Brennan. "It's her house, and she has every right to take possession."

Mr. Kellogg laughed, and Brennan walked hurriedly away.

The house referred to was leased by Mrs. Vandenburg from Mrs. Tennien, and conducted as a boarding-house. Mrs. Tennien claims Mrs. Vandenburg, immediately she obtained possession, refused to pay the rent.

**Miss Frelcott Again in a Trance.**

(By Associated Press.)  
NORWOOD, Mass., Feb. 23.—Mary Frelcott, who remained in a trance for five days some time ago, is again in the same state. For two days she has been unconscious, with an occasional faint interval of an hour or two. In her trance she is said to be a heavy drinker, and works but at rare intervals.

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